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**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/616,404

Examiner

David C. Comstock

Applicant(s)

CHANG, YONG JIN

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to interview on 3 October 2001.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 14 July 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).  
(a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

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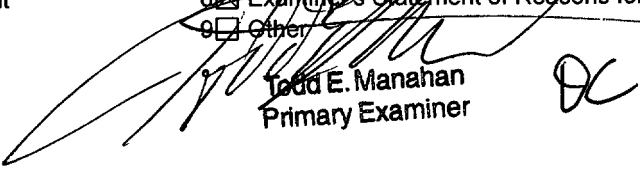
7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.  
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached  
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
(b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the Examiner.  
(c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1 ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
3 ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
5 ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
7 ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- 2 ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
4 ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. 7.  
6 ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment  
8 ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance  
9 ☐ Other

  
Todd E. Manahan  
Primary Examiner

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steven T. Zuschlag on 3 October 2001.

Claim 1, line 4, ~~being~~ entirely substantially clear and transparent and ~~has~~ been inserted after "portion".

Claim 1, line 5, after "fingernail" (second occurrence), "allowing" has been deleted.

Claim 1, line 5, after "fingernail" (second occurrence), ~~to display~~ substantially all of ~~has~~ been inserted.

Claim 1, line 6, after "bed", "to be visible" has been deleted.

Claim 5, line 5, after "portion", ~~being~~ entirely substantially clear and transparent and ~~has~~ been inserted.

Claim 5, line 6, after "fingernail" (second occurrence), "allowing" has been deleted.

Claim 5, line 6, after "fingernail" (second occurrence), ~~to display~~ substantially all of ~~has~~ been inserted.

Claim 6, line 5, after "portion", ~~being~~ entirely substantially clear and transparent and ~~has~~ been inserted.

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Claim 6, line 12, after "bed" (first occurrence), "and" has been deleted.

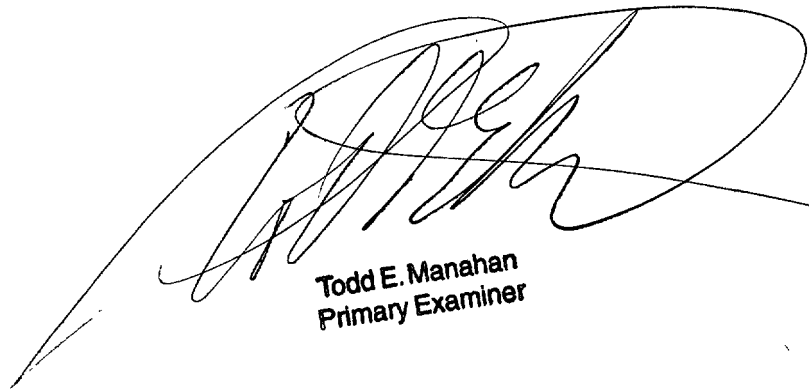
Claim 6, line 12, after "bed" (first occurrence), --to display substantially all of--  
has been inserted.

Claim 6, line 12, after "bed" (second occurrence), "is visible" has been deleted.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the  
examiner should be directed to David C. Comstock whose telephone number is (703)  
308-8514.

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D.C. Comstock  
October 3, 2001



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Primary Examiner

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TITLE OF INVENTION ARTIFICIAL NAIL AND METHOD OF APPLYING SAME

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2	CHANG Y-4	132-200.000	N35 UTILITY	YES	\$640.00	01/10/02

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### REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Pursuant to the interview on 3 October 2001, the claims were amended to overcome the prior art of record and the rejections in the Office action mailed on 1 August 2001, paper # 6.

Claims 1, 5 and 6, as now amended require the nail bed to be "entirely substantially clear and transparent". Hamburg discloses an artificial fingernail that may be made from a transparent material. However, Hamburg includes a colored portion 15 on the nail bed, therefore, Hamburg teaches away from the invention as now claimed. Regarding claim 6, Nakata et al. (4,615,348) disclose a method of applying artificial fingernails comprising applying a translucent pink adhesive to an artificial nail. Nakata et al. do not disclose an artificial nail having an entirely substantially clear and transparent nail bed portion.

Thus, neither Hamburg nor any other known prior art or reasonable combination thereof discloses the claimed invention including an entirely substantially clear and transparent nail bed portion. Therefore, the claims amended to include this limitation are allowable over the prior art of record. Independent claims 1, 5 and 6 were amended to include this limitation and as such are allowable over the prior art of record. Dependent claims 2, 3 and 4 include the limitations of base claim 1 and, therefore, also are allowable over the prior art of record.

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Since this reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David C. Comstock whose telephone number is (703) 308-8514.

D.C. Comstock  
October 3, 2001

Todd E. Manahan  
Primary Examiner

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Kiss Products, Inc.

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